

The Hon. Mandela Barnes, Lieutenant Governor
Wisconsin State Capitol
Madison, WI 53701-2043

September 25, 2020

Dear Lieutenant Governor Barnes,

The undersigned organizations greatly appreciate your administration's ongoing efforts to address Wisconsin's climate change emissions. We are especially enthusiastic about the draft transportation recommendations from the Climate Task Force. **We urge you to adopt all of the draft transportation recommendations so that Wisconsin can rapidly eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.**

As your administration develops the final recommendations for Wisconsin, we appreciate that you have given particular consideration to reducing emissions from the transportation sector by expediting the transition to electric vehicles, expanding high-quality, public transit options, and enhancing bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Furthermore, we strongly support the recommendation to have WISDOT and regional planners incorporate a climate impact analysis into their project design and selection process, much like California and other states do today. These draft recommendations show a thoughtful understanding of the transportation challenges facing Wisconsin.

We would like to see all current draft recommendations included in the final plan. These recommendations are:

- The Safer and Cleaner Streets Package;
- Promotion of Public Transit and Green Public Transportation;
- Support for Hybrid-Electric Vehicles, Electric Vehicles, and EV Infrastructure; including the two additional recommendations:
 - Statewide Electric Transportation Planning
 - Allowing the Direct Sale of Electric Vehicles
- Carbon, Climate, and Environmental Justice Audited Transportation Planning and Development.

We also ask that you consider adding recommendations highlighted during the public comment period that were not addressed in the draft recommendations, including:

- Support for passenger rail
- Stop highway expansion

A bold plan to reduce emissions from the transportation sector is critical to meet Wisconsin's climate goals. We encourage you to pursue these equitable strategies that reduce carbon emissions produced by our transportation system and enhance the quality of life for all Wisconsinites.

Sincerely,

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Chippewa Valley Transit Alliance
Citizens Climate Lobby - Appleton & Fox-Cities Chapter
Citizens Climate Lobby - Rib Mountain & Marshfield Chapter
ESTHER - Fox Valley
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Midwest Environmental Advocates
NAOMI - Wausau
PopEarth of Appleton/Fox Cities
RENEW Wisconsin
Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter
Waukesha County Green Team
Wisconsin Environment
Wisconsin Health Professionals for Climate Action
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